

my God, Purandara Vittala, I
have trusted In you as
competent to save."

What actually the experience was that
wring this kind
of cry from him we do not know but it
finds even
more poignant utterance elsewhere.

God was to Purandaradasa's mind
almost a
human master. He says that for His own
prestige He
should save His servants. "I may have
devotion or
I may not. The good, however, call me your
servant.

See to it now that people shall not say
that a servant
of God was dragged down by the powers of
death."

This prayer of Purandaradasa was heard
and He who
is competent to save all souls saved his
and we hear
in songs of what must have been a later
day a more
hopeful note and finally assurance of
salvation.

"When I am dwelling in thought of you,
what harm can
wicked men do to me?

"What will they do to me being evilly
disposed towards
me, when you, Eternal One, are looking-
after me? All the
moments of life I live In thought of
you. Will ants be-
siege a fire?

"If a horse makes a rush to show off
speed will the dust
it raises besiege the sun? To men who
can endure no
harm can come. Will the hill shake
for the wind?

"If the thief sees a purse in the mirror
and makes a hole
In the mirror to get it, will it become
his? I have placed
my trust in you. O Purandara Vittala,
save me/*

"Come what will," he says elsewhere, "only
let us have
our Lord's grace. Who says I am poor and
who says

I am friendless. Nay, I am neither while I
have you,
my God. To him who can pray to God,
here is
Heaven and here He is present with His
angels/*